The Municipal Charter Needs Much Study.

TIME SHOULD BE TAKEN

Resolutions Against Hasty Action.

The Young Men's Republican Club is

It is the belief of the club that there

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draft one at present.

charter in the hands of thirty repre- ernor Dole and all the Government ofa short time ago.

members of the club and an expres- "It is foolish to expect them to do don from a majority of them was ob- anything else. Do we want to join

ained. The meeting was presided over them and go like lambs to the slaughter y the President, Lorrin Andrews, and try to rush this thing through the Moses Nakuina acted as secretary.

ad been disposed of the president in- in a charter all at once. It took them vited the opinions of all present on the many years before they had a decent subject of municipal charters with charter. They had a bad one to start special reference to that to be de- with. The charter of Greater New signed for the city of Honolulu. The York-how was it framed? They had nembers responded, nearly all agreeing that the present plan was prema- the most learned of its citizens and it

President Andrews said: "We should ait until we see what the Legislature s going to do. The question has come up, what do we want to do? If we go in with the Independents and there is anything wrong with the charter, they will blame the Republican party for it, as they did during the campaign when they laid the effects of the plague at the door of the Republican party. Suppose we do name some men to join with Young Men's Republican Club Passes the Independent party to frame a municipal charter and anything goes wrong-the Independents will say the Republicans did it. Most of the rich people and the majority of the intelligent people are Republicans. The Independents are against that class and against the framing of a charter before are ready to believe any lies said the Legislature convenes. The club be- against them. Who, I say, will get the leves it not feasible to frame such a blame in the end? Not the Independcharter as is needed for cosmopolitan ents, but the Republicans, and they will Honolulu off-handed and without deep be blackguarded and accused of every crime on the calendar.

"We are supposed to prepare a charare no men in the city experienced ter for the city government. It must ecough in such matters to frame a not conflict with the United States charter. The members are of the opin- statutes or the Territorial laws. How ion that a commission should be ap- can any men in this city of the inexpointed by the Legislature to investi- perience of men like you and me frame gate the subject of a municipal charter, a charter which will not conflict with make a careful study of all the city's these laws? It has been suggested needs and report in the next two years. that we pick out thirty representative The general opinion prevails that the men-twelve Republicans, twelve Indeharters of San Francisco or of New pendents and six Democrats—to do this. York are inapplicable to Honolulu and Well, we have had experience in the that an original charter adapted clear- making of nominations lately. Did the ly to its special requirements must be Independents pick out the best men in the community? No. They were men The result of the evening's delibera- who could claim their favor in some tions was a resolution as the sense of way or, another. When it comes to the club that the charter should be nominating men to frame a charter considered only by a commission ap- they are not going to pick out reprepointed by the Legislature and that no sentative men. They will pick out demattempt whatever should be made to agogues, men who will excite the passions of the people. That is the kind The club expressed its disapproval of of men we are to compete with. Alathe plan to place the framing of a bama Mitchell wants to turn out Govsentative citizens-twelve Republicans, ficials. He wants to put in men who twelve Independents and six Demo- are Royalists-every one of them, and crats as proposed by the Independents revenge himself by getting rid of every 'missionary' in office. That is the kind Several speeches were made by the of men the Independents will pick out.

Legislature? A commission should be After the regular business of the club appointed. San Francisco did not put thirteen men appointed from among took them two years to frame the charter, and yet they have been able to run holes all through it.

"We want a good charter if we are going to go to all this extra expense. Let's have an ideal charter. To get it I don't believe it is the part of common sense to think it can be done inside of two months. I am frank to say that were I a member of a charter commission I would be at a loss to know how to go about it. What would fit San Francisco or New York would not fit Honolulu.

"When we once get a municipal charter it will tie right to us like the Old Man of the Sea.

"We have got to go before the people two years from now with a record, and we want a record that the business men will approve of. We must go

Philip L. Weaver, the attorney, said in part: "We must look at this question from a business standpoint. We are about to attempt to draw up a set of by-laws for a city corporation and will have to put that upon ourselves and live under it for the next two years. Who are we to have over us in that time? What kind of men will they be-experienced or otherwise? Theoretically, I believe that if we succeed in drawing up a proper charter for Honolulu we are indeed fortunate. We were able to educate in Honolulu enough of the Hawaiian voters to swing toward the Republican party to make it successful here. The outside districts illustrate the fact that the people do not follow the times there. When a native leader said on Molokai, 'Vote for me and I will let all you lepers free,' they believed him and voted for him. And now to let these people into a municipality what can you expect of them at the polls?

"The charter of San Francisco was originally framed in 1854 and has since been patched up. No man in that city could answer questions on that charter now because it has become such a patchwork and is still incomplete. I think we should let well enough alone today or else have a good charter. We want to show to the Legislature that it is impracticable to put in a charter right away. If we begin to frame a charter in the next two months we have got to begin with the Civil Laws as far back as 1848 during the reign of Kamehameha III. and wade down through all the laws to the present day to make up our charter correctly, and if we go at it half-cocked we are going to make a perfect farce of it. The Republican party should recommend that the Legislature appoint a commission to investigate municipal charters, nd I therefore urge this club to use its FAGING KING STREET influence to have this done. We must take time to get up a charter.'

> that it would be a difficult matter to frame a charter-a good charter-in the short period of time between now and the day the Legislature convenes. I believe, however, that the citizens should join with the Democrats and Independents and look up the matter of charter thoroughly. The Republicans do not want to hold aloof in this matter simply because it is an Independent proposition. I will admit that a charter cannot be framed in two months, but all three parties are pledged to it, although the proposition to do so on the part of the Republicans s. 'when practicable.' "

Isaac Noar spoke in a similar strain and moved that it be the sense of the club that it be recommended by the Republican party that the Legislature appoint a commission to prepare

Mr. Nakuina then offered a resoluion, which, with an amendment from

Resolved. That a committee of five e appointed to confer with the execuve committee of the Republican pary of Hawaii to state that the Young Men's Republican Club believes it to be to the interests of the city of Honolulu that commissioners be appointed by the Legislature before a charter

That the matter of deliberating upon the charter be referred to a comnission to be appointed by the Legisature, and that no attempt be made o frame a charter before the Legis-

which was not seconded. The club eassed the foregoing resolution unanimously, and the chair appointed the following club members to present the resolution to, and confer with, the Republican central committee: Messrs. Weaver, Kumalae, Wolff, Kanakanui

The meeting adjourned subject to the

ICE COMPANIES TO JOIN.

Plans of People's and the Hawaiian Electric Company.

The congealed atmosphere between he People's Ice & Refrigerating Company and the Hawaiian Electric Comany, which also deals in ice, was hawed out yesterday and the People's fce Company will be solidified into that

of the Electric Company. At a meeting held yesterday by the shareholders of the People's Ice Company, with J. A. McCandless, the president, in the chair, the recent action of he People's Ice Company directors in making a proposition to the Electric Light Company to take over their plant

and business, was ratified unanimously.

The scheme is to sell the entire plant of the People's Company to the Electric Company. The Electric Company agreed to pay for the plant with 75,000 shares of paid up stock, of the par value, of \$100 a share. The People's Ice Company had not been manufacturing ice or some time. They quit when the ectric company began to manufacture ice for its refrigerating plant, but the People's Company sold the product to its customers. The installation of two new plants for making ice caused

the proposed amalgamation. The Hawaiian Electric Light Company stockholders will hold a special meeting tomorrow morning for the purpose of discussing a proposed increase of its capital stock from \$250,000 to \$325,000 in order to meet the new obligation. A fight on the question is ex-

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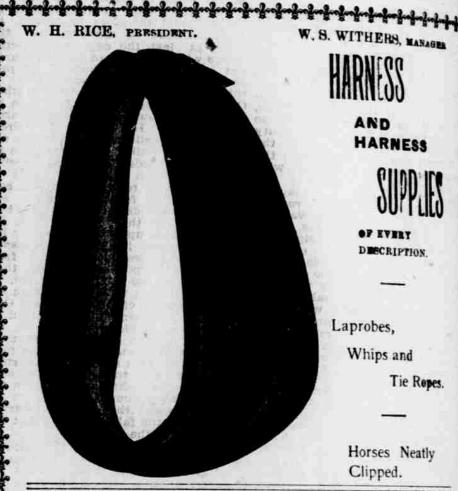
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